AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 1723** PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of Docket No: Q63803 Hisao HIRAMATSU, et al. Appln. No.: 09/817,251 Group Art Unit: 1723 Confirmation No.: 8044 Examiner: Tony G. Soohoo Filed: March 27, 2001 METHOD FOR STIRRING LIQUID For: AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 MAIL STOP AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: In response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2007, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows on the accompanying pages. TABLE OF CONTENTS

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